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Judge Allan W. Klein
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Minneapolis, MN 55401-2138

Dear Judge Klein,

I am writing to express my concerns to the proposed route of the Nobles County Chansambi 115 KV line XCEL Energy Windfarm Transmission Improvement Project. One of the possible routes, N2 runs through the south half of Section 15 in Wilmont Township, Nobles County. Even though this route is not XCEL's preferred route as stated in the Direct Testimony Of Pamela J. Rasmussen, Team Lead, Siting and Permitting (XCEL Energy Services Inc.) dated February 14, 2005, it is still listed as an option. As this is a family farm worked by Robert & Teresa Fuerstenberg and owned by Melvin & Agatha Fuerstenberg and Leona Fuerstenberg & family we are very concerned about the implications that this power line would have if it ran through the middle of our fields on the N2 route.

1. This is a family farm that has been awarded the honors of being a "Century Farm". I believe that placing power lines through the middle of it would compromise the integrity of the historical "Century Farm".
2. The row crops on this farm run east and west and the proposed power line would run north and south causing us to go around poles across the entire field. There is no dividing fence line down the half-mile mark of the south half of section 15.
3. Since the poles will be in the middle of the field, surrounded by a crop, any access to the poles would cause damage to the crop. I would hope maintenance would be minimal but weed control around the poles would be a regular occurrence. With the machinery going around the pole, there will be at least a few feet around the pole that cannot be maintained normal cultivation. Additional expense and time will be incurred annually to control the weeds.
4. It was stated at the hearing in Wilmont on 3/2/05 that the lines would be in excess of 20 feet off the ground. A combine is 16 feet high and with extended augers the 20-foot high power line would cause a safety issue. With new equipment coming out each year how can we be guaranteed that the lines will be high enough to accommodate equipment in 5 or 10 years.
5. The subject of interference from the power lines is also a concern, with the sensitive computer systems and monitors on the equipment any interference no matter how small could mean major problems. This is compounded by the fact that the power lines run perpendicular to the crop rows. Every time we cross the field we would run the risk of interference.
6. The large equipment used to install the poles will compact the soil and could cause damage to the drainage tile in the ground. This damage would most likely not be noticed until we have a wet year, which could be 1, 2, or even 5 years later. The entire crop for a year could be lost if the drainage from the field is insufficient, not to mention the cost incurred to find and fix the problem.

Sincerely,

Ron Fuerstenberg

Ron Fuerstenberg

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March 7, 2005

Judge Alan Klein
Office of Administrative Hearings
100 Washington Ave S Suite 1700
Minneapolis MN 55401

Dear Judge Klein:

I am writing as a member of the family that owns the farm in Wilmont township, the south half of section 15 (Fuerstenberg). Even though I offered a brief testimony on March 2 at the public meeting in Wilmont I would like to submit into the record some concerns not previously raised in that testimony.

Economic concerns were addressed concerning routing the 115 KV transmission line through our family farm. One issue is crop farming east to west versus the transmission line going north to south if route N2 were selected. No section line runs through the farm so this would divide crop land in half. Other areas of concern are, but not limited to, damage to the tile drainage system, loss of property value, possible damage to crops, weed control issues, health hazards, impact on livestock, and safe clearance for equipment.

A historical concern relates to maintaining the integrity of a small century farm. Any infringement of the farm, no matter how small, negatively impacts this farm. That includes transmission lines through the farm (route N2) or on the periphery as is the case of the East route or the modified East route (E3b) if the lines run on the west side of Erickson Avenue or the West route (W4b) if lines run on the north side of 130 St.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and hope our concerns will be given consideration as the final decision is being made.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Van Balen
Jeanne Van Balen
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MARY J PAULING

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March 1, 2005

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Dear Sirs,

I do not know if you will remember me but I was the woman with the brain tumor and was too upset to talk at the meeting at Lakefield. I agree that we need the lines to go though, but feel the proposed route has to many people with preexisting health issues along it. At the present time I have one power line running in the SW corner of our land and now they want to run a power line within 240 ft of our home. I guess my main concern is stray voltage and second is what it will do to what we have left of our cropland. There are just to many risks with power lines so close to homes, and I do not want to take anymore risks with what is left of my life and the future of the farm I live on. This is a great impact on us as this is our living. It is like taking our job away from us. The loss of land! It is the crop that pays my health bills.

I have three sons who I hope in the future would one day come home and live here. But with what I have been though I do not wish that on them if there is just a small chance that they would receive some health problems. Why with all of Excels money can they not find a route that would be farther away from homes?

As for the farm issue if you go under the power lines that are in the SW corner of our farm now there is nothing that grows under it. The deer wont even lay under it. If you stand under it you can feel the vibration from it. And they want to put how many though our fields? Yes two fields. This is all we have left is the land that we will some day inherit. And they will pay us 50% to 75% what would they take for their homes or land? And we put a price on health! What will the stray voltage do to the livestock we raise? This is what we know best is to farm! I beg of you to please reexamine the proposed route and move it away from peoples homes as far as you could. At the meeting she stated that they were going to run the lines to the north of a persons farm site in Ewington town ship as it was to close to the acreage. What about ours and Tordensens? Do we not count also??? Thank you for you time!

Yours Sincerely,

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Allan W. Klein
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Honorable Judge Klein:

~~I am writing in regard to the Xcel Energy's~~
transmission line project route in Rost township, Lakefield,
Minnesota. As a land owner I am extremely against
the newly proposed route which would be right beside
my farm building site mainly because of health reasons.
(Coincidence or proven regarding the emission of
electrical waves ??).

At the present time there are some energy poles
on the southeast corner of my 160 acre farm. For
years I farmed side by side with my husband-driving
tractor-planting-harvesting-you name it I was there.
Our family dog would follow me up and down the field
as I worked the soil. But why was it when we came
closer to the area where these poles/wires were he
~~would lay down and not follow me. Needless to say,~~
when you came close to these poles/wires you could
hear radiating sounds (bad waves ??), I don't know.
Anyway was my dog telling me something - STAY
AWAY! When we would pick rocks or walk the soybeans
planted (pull weeds) close by there we could hear this
constant hum.

Ironical as it may be within a 1/2 mile by 1 mile rectangle
around our farm site - two neighbors, man and wife,
have had cancer - wife in remission, husband having
recurrences of cancer. Oh, yes, that reminds me. I had some
spots removed from my nose and cheek. Another
neighbor died of cancer (only in late 60's). Another farmer's

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Son developed leukemia and my daughter-in-law (my son and she have lived on this site for the past fifteen years) had been diagnosed with a brain tumor two years ago. Are these all coincidences or related to these radioactive waves from the highline poles??

As per Excel's proposal this would go through one farm building site 1/2 mile from me, beside our farm building and several other farm building sites along that route.

At the meeting at Lakefield an alternative route was presented to Excel that would eliminate going close to many farm building sites — going along bare land. I am imploring that you consider this proposed route for the safety of not only my family's health but neighbors' also.

Another concern of mine is at the meeting the question was asked, "How much you (Excel) would pay for land taken up for the poles, etc.". The answer given was between 50% - 75% of the value of the land. Why may I ask should ~~we~~ or others on farm land not get 100% of the value of ^{farmers} their land? Would you sell your home or Excel any of their property for less than its value? NO, you wouldn't and neither should any farmer! Farmers are big businesses just like Excel, GM, you name it. We feed the whole world at a more reasonable price!

Also I understand a farmer in Ewington township was granted a reroute from his building site. Is he any better than we are in Rast township that will be affected by Excel's route?

Thank you for your time and I again implore you to accept the reroute proposal that was presented to Excel at the Rast township, Lakefield meeting. Please, don't let these lines go by or on our building sites.

A concerned landowner,
Berniece Pauling

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Allan W. Klein,
Administrative Law Judge, St. of MN.
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Dear Sir:

I am a land owner in Root township and ~~currently have a property to the proposed transmission line project route~~. First they had a proposed route by I-90 and because why I don't know all reasons, that route was changed and now proposed to go right beside my farm's building site and also many of my neighbors' building sites too. I am very concerned about the emission of waves from these high-line poles/wires beside my building which have my son, daughter-in-law, and their family in and also the livestock and pets that they have.

In the SE corner of my farm there are some high-line poles and guide wires. Whenever I farmed close by that corner I could hear the constant hum of the energy in the lines (scary). Nothing would grow under those lines — only a few bad weeds which I needed to spray so the seeds wouldn't blow into the fields. I dreaded to go there with my tractor and sprayer behind to get those weeds sprayed. In all the years of pheasant hunting on our land, I never saw a pheasant near those poles. Strangely, when I would cultivate or plow my fields I always would have seagulls behind gathering the worms in the freshly moved dirt but never, never when I would come near by that high-line corner!

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Never saw any birds fly in the area around there either. Was there a reason for that? Not safe-health reasons?? Was their instinct smarter than mans'?

Several of our neighbors have been diagnosed and/or died of cancer - also leukemia and my daughter-in-law has developed a brain tumor. Has this to do with the emission of energy waves from those high lines? Can't all be related to coincidence so let's not let Excel come by our building sites.

At the Lakefield meeting a new proposed route going around our and many other building sites was presented to Excel. This route would run on bare land and not beside farm building sites. I am asking you to accept this Root township, Lakefield route.

Another concern shouldn't farmers be paid 100% for the value of their land and not 50-75% that Excel would pay? The land is the farmers livelihood. Excel certainly wouldn't sell any of their ownings for less than its value and neither should a farmer. Let's be fair - you go to the grocery store and you pay the price that is listed for milk, bread, etc - its value.

Thanking you for your time and again I urge you to accept this Root township route proposal.

Alvin Bueling
Land Owner

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Allen W. Klein
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Dear Sir:

On March 14th my wife & I attended the hearing in Lakeland. After speaking & listening to others, I felt the need to write this to you late that evening after I finished my "B..." letter. I decided that it wasn't what I needed to get across to you, Excel and the EOD so I took some time to cool down and write this note instead.

That evening we all listened to friends and neighbors talk of death issues along the "Mountain route home" (my wife included). There are many problems now that don't seem to be explained by overhead power lines. Studies in Europe and California are noted that evening show direct effects from lines such as these.

We heard the Rossos speak of the stray voltage problems they had with their cattle/dairy setup (as now it sets empty) that resulted in several bills to correct ~~an~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~problems~~ ~~ultimately~~ still having to disperse the herd. Now Excel wants to put still higher voltage lines thru. There is also a closed cattle case 8 miles South of here on the same stray voltage problems on a large dairy farm.

We heard testimony from the Gutter family on how it would affect their farm located on the south side of I-90 in Ewington township. Pam stated that it would not as they are going along the north side and besides she said

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the next place west beside you (Barbara)
is to close. I ask then what is to close??
Along the railroad route line we have 4
pieces of property, none included (Section 11 Road)
that this line would still run 115-600 south
from our houses, not just the property line but
our houses. So again I ask what is to close??
115-600 strip is.

I stated that evening about our lack
of knowledge on the route lines. That because
we are not listed as the land owner doesn't
make me or my family less affected. If the
area land is being sold/purchased by outside
investors (rather than publicly interest in the bank)
other properties are for family/life estates. In
both cases the tenants would not receive 30-day
notice, leaving them (us) left out. I also
understand that the people visiting can park on
and move if they don't like it leaving the site
empty with no other use. I want to know
to what site being empty or rather prefer to have
it covered with a nature shop, livestock display
and a green living setup?? An argument could
be that we (Fred) cannot drive all off the parking
advertisers, but others (companies, organizations) find
it easy but sending notices to "Current Builders"
or is it possible that local's idea is the less
notice sent - the less negative feedback
received??

Another topic was on compensation for

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the land and right of way use as well
one may be paid 50-60% of the value.
What is the value?? Today's market is over
\$3000/acre and you would allow only 50-60%.
Not you or anyone on the EAB or Board
would sell your home or business for that. Payback
of 50-60% on the development land value now
offsets me as the value of the life estate land
when it depreciates with these lines (as in the
foreclosure) as they become a problem to turn
around with that in mind do you know that
the USDA / FSA office (the program) looks at these
non-filled areas around these poles, measures
the area, rounds it off to the highest acre and
removes that acre amount from the corn base
and reduces the program payments resulting in
loss of income. Is that built in to the settlement
process?? NO!!

During the brief and after the hearing
while talking with the others there, the real estate
this modified red line is all new to the
people that have attended other meetings. Why
was it changed? Who changed it? Who? Was
it so close to someone else? Did anyone complain
before or then? Was not the E90 route the
route intended? I don't wish this line on anyone
and I'm not against progress but John Nannetti II
presented an alternate route that puts a greater
distance between it and our homes. Cost it
them 25 or more but really concerns for

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exceeds cost. Besides we all know that
for whatever the cost is it should be
labeled as "Product Cost" and charged
equally to all patrons leaving Excel with
Product - Paid in full.

It also would, as nothing was said, what
of how does the DVA stand on this. Along
the road the route love Excel must go
along their property also. Are they going to
the 15 foot right-of-way? What dollar amount
are you paying them for their land? Or are
they (Excel) mysteriously going to donate to the
north at that point.

I'm sorry for the length of this letter but
all it wants is for you, Excel and the 2 @ B is
to Consider!!

Consider

- 1) All affected parties / land owners or not
- 2) " " " " / Health issues
- 3) " " " " / Decrease in land value
- 4) " " " " / Farm Program Payment loss
- 5) Your short-term solution against our

long-term solution
and then decide on where the line should
run and who is to close. Get away from your
books and computer modules and physically
search for the best route.

Thank you


Robert Paulsen / Section 4
Rest

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Mr. Allan Klein
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RE: Excel Energy Power Lines

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the Excel Energy Power Line being constructed along 80th Avenue, Chandler, Minnesota.

I contacted John N. Wachtler, MEQB following the first public meeting at Chandler, Minnesota. Several landowners along the 80th Avenue (eastern route) corridor were given false information by Pam Rasmussen, an Excel Energy representative. John Wachtler confirmed information given by Pam Rasmussen simply was not true.

Excel Energy has stated at all the hearings that cost is an issue. I have proposed a much lower cost line. A cooperative effort by the wind tower companies and the wind tower transmission company would result in a lower cost line. Since the landowners who have wind towers want to sell their energy, no easement cost would be involved to put the transmission lines along this property.

Why antagonize landowners and neighbors when there is a better solution?

The environment is an issue. Webster's dictionary describes environment as conditions that influence and affect human behavior. If the wind transmission towers are environmental friendly, why would the DNR be opposed to them on their land?

The 80th Avenue route (eastern route) is a main route of travel between the Wilmont area and Highway 30. The 70th Avenue route (western route) receives much less traffic since it is not a through road. Naturally, it would be more environmentally friendly to construct towers along a less traveled road.

It is my hope and desire that the interests of rural landowners are respected and represented.

It is my hope that discernment is a vital part of the process.

Sincerely,



Gordon L. Groen

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March 11, 2005

Honorable Judge Allan W. Klein
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RE: Comments on the 345 kV transmission-lines in Rock Co.

Dear Judge Klein,

I was at the Xcel Energy March 3, 2005, 2:00 p.m. hearing in Luverne Mn. During the hearing I gave some testimony as to why I felt that the north route should be chosen. After hearing other testimony that day and thinking about it for several days I feel I need to respond some more. There are some issues that make it very clear that the north route should be chosen.

- 1- Xcel Energy should not be allowed to burden more land owners by putting up another high-voltage transmission line parallel to an existing line several miles to the north. If the south route was chosen the north line does not get dismantled, which in effect will inconvenience more land owners. The existing line has the capability to be upgraded. By having Xcel Energy put the new line on the old site using new single poles, all existing land owners would be freed from the inconvenience of having the two H poles. An over all view of this would also have less new poles per mile, making all landowners around the existing line more receptive to the project, and this also would give Xcel Energy a much better relationship with the landowners.
- 2- Over the last ten years the Federal government has been working hard to beautify our interstate freeways. With this in mind Xcel Energy wants to run 40 plus miles of continuous poles along the outer edge of Interstate 90. Certainly, this is not what vacationers and travelers want to view when they are passing through our great state of Minnesota.
- 3- Our economy in rural Minnesota is struggling, and as I mentioned at the hearing, Luverne was fortunate enough to be accepted into the Minnesota JOBZ program. When new development and industry comes to a city, they build around the interstate and city junctions. All the property to the south and north of this junction is in the JOBZ zone. The city of Luverne just finished a two year comprehensive plan study, and in this study it was determined that this area should be used for commercial development. Allowing Xcel Energy to route the high-voltage transmission line through this area will put a huge negative impact on the development and value of this property. I personally own some of this property and have spent a lot of time and money to get this into a development stage. Again, I want to emphasize this line puts a huge obstruction to my future

plans and the economic growth of rural Minnesota. Luverne is not the only city in this situation; there are several other cities along the I-90 corridor that will be restricted in the same manner if the south route is chosen. This south high-voltage transmission line proposal will be a huge set back for future development of Interstate-90 communities.

- 4- Xcel Energy is in the business to make money, and they say using the north route is going to cost them more. I believe this extra cost is a very small piece of the total project. Xcel Energy is a huge company and is showing no consideration as to who they might hurt in their steps of growth.

So with these issues in mind, I am asking you to please tell Xcel Energy that the north line is the only feasible route to use.

I am also going to send a copy of this to John Wachtler at the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Ronald Fick
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cc: John Wachtler

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XCEL ENERGY- SPLIT ROCK TO LAKEFIELD JUNCTION
345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
COMMENTS FOR MN EQB PUBLIC HEARINGS
JANET G. McCLOUD-LANDOWNER
SECTION 13-103-42, OLNEY TOWNSHIP
NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Dear Administrative Law Judge Allan Klein:

I am a landowner on the Interstate 90 Nobles County portion of the proposed Xcel Energy power line route. There is an existing Alliant route already in place which should be upgraded for new technology and use instead of an additional new line. The Public Utilities Commission, if it was really working in the interest of people and land assets, would require the two corporations, Alliant and Excel Xcel to sit down at the table and work out a proposal that could work for all parties concerned.

The fact that one route is better than two is obvious. Two routes are not ecologically ~~responsible or geographically sensible. As many jobs can be generated by upgrading and~~ combining the Alliant and Xcel lines as building a second route. We are no longer a nation of manifest destiny with infinite horizons of land. There is no more land to fritter away so that every Tom, Dick and Harry with rich and powerful lobbies can carve their own pathway across the cornfields.

In a study (dena) about wind energy in Germany (January 24, 2005) *Der Spiegel* reports that it is not the best way to address energy needs. Upgrading existing systems to state of the art proves to be more cost efficient for the consumer, more effective in reducing CO₂ emissions and a more reliable provider of energy.

The "need" for the Xcel powerline project was crafted with smoke and mirrors. As an "out of state" landowner, I was never notified of the hearings for "need certification".

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Such slap-in-the-face desecration of constitutional and human rights is designed for the convenience and benefit of Xcel Energy interests and the interests of their vassals.

The Judge responsible for the decision about routing is a local boy from my hometown school days in the Twin Cities. Maybe if I had been more attentive to him at dancing school, we wouldn't all be in this position.

One can't help but wonder how long it will take for governance to raise its bleary-eyed consciousness and look at solutions that can benefit everyone. The fundamental idea here, the underlying plan, is unnecessary from its inception. It exemplifies the arrogance, greed and predatory instincts of its planners. Welcome to the Zeitgeist.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCloud

Landowner- Section 13-103-42
Nobles County, Minnesota

February 21, 2005

To: Administrative Law Judge Allan Klein
Office of Administrative Hearings
100 Washington Square, Suite 1700
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2138

Subject: Proposed transmission line by Xcel energy across Helen White Trust property in the W $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10-102-36, Hunter Township, Jackson County

From: George Bodley
Executor of The Helen White Trust

I have some concerns about the proposed transmission line by Xcel Energy across our farm property. The line is identified as Section 1-14.

We already have a transmission line crossing this eighty-acre farm. A second line would make farming more complicated unless the addition lines are carried by the existing towers. Therefore, if the line must cross our property, I'm requesting that all lines be installed on one electrical line tower.

George R. Bodley
Executor, Helen White Trust.

CC: Environmental Quality Board

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CITY OF CALEDONIA
RESOLUTION OF THE INTENT TO BEGIN
A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the City of Caledonia [The City] desires to undertake a comprehensive planning process pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 462.353.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City Of Caledonia, adopted a land use plan in 1981 known as the *Caledonia, Minnesota, Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to appoint a Comprehensive Planning Committee representing a cross section of the entire community who have the interest, background and skills necessary to represent the diverse interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, The Committee will be charged with developing a Comprehensive Planning and Public Participation Process that will: provide broad citizen participation and intergovernmental cooperation; address public education, public investment, livable community design, and conservation of natural resources, and address transportation and affordable housing issues. The Committee will also focus on developing a plan that establishes a community based framework as a basis for all decisions and actions related to land use, create sustainable economic development strategies and provide economic opportunities throughout the City; and;

WHEREAS, public necessity and general welfare do require such a Comprehensive Plan because a plan:

- Provides legal justification for a community's land use decisions and ordinances.
- Creates the opportunity for residents to guide a community's future.
- Helps a community identify issues, stay ahead of trends and accommodate change
- Offers a process for joint problem-solving and leveraging scarce resources among internal resources.
- Protects and makes the most of public investments
- Helps ensure that growth makes the community better, not just bigger
- Fosters sustainable economic development
- Helps a community maintain its resources base and other "natural capital"
- Protects property rights and property values
- Provides an opportunity to consider future impacts of today's decisions
- Funds for the planning process will come from the City's General Fund

WHEREAS, the City intends to review plans of neighboring cities and/or counties and its constituent municipalities and towns.

WHEREAS, the City plans to work cooperatively with adjacent townships and Houston County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caledonia City Council hereby officially appoints a multi-member Caledonia Comprehensive Planning Committee representing a cross

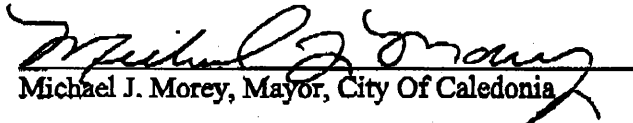
section of the entire community who have the interest, background and skills necessary to represent the diverse interests of the City;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caledonia Comprehensive Planning Committee (CCPC) will develop a Proposed Work Plan that sets forth specific phases or steps of the planning process and establishes a timeline of public meetings and project milestones. The CCPC will develop the City's draft comprehensive plan and provide final recommendation (s) to the Caledonia City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council, in its process, will ensure ample opportunity for public involvement in addition to holding the necessary public hearings pursuant to Minnesota Statue 462.355, Subd.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Staff including Bob Nelson, Mike Gerardy, Roger Schmitz, Randy Shefelbine and Tony Klug, and the Caledonia Community Development consultant, Joyce Iverson, will coordinate the Caledonia Comprehensive Planning Project on behalf of the City.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2005.


Michael J. Morey, Mayor, City Of Caledonia

Attest:


Robert L. Nelson, City Clerk - Administrator

TO: Todd BRAM
651-296-3698
RESOLUTION
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